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The Readers Always Write

FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS

This is to express our official "delight" at your use of the picture of Girl Scout Beverly Burghardt on the cover of the November (1950) issue of CATS Magazine, and the little note about Girl Scouts in the magazine.

Betty Muessen
Public Information Division
Girl Scouts of the U. S. A.
New York, N. Y.

WANTS SHOW REPORTS

I should like to add a word in reply to the reader who wrote stating that she thought the show news and reports should be eliminated from CATS Magazine to give more space to news of cats and their deeds of heroism etc. Please do not give up reporting the shows and the results. It is the only media the breeders have to get the results of shows around the country without having to send for a marked cataiog.

Mrs. Fred Widenhus
Reuwood City, Calif.

PITTSFIELD (Mass.) SUBSCRIBERS!

I am 14 years old and have two cats. I would like to join some cat club. There isn't one in Pittsfield and since I love cats so much I would join one. Could you tell me where to write and how to join.

Claudia McKenzie
Pittsfield, Mass.

WANTS A MANX

Do you know where a Manx Cat can be purchased in California? Or elsewhere?

Paul S. Waterman
San Luis Obispo, Calif.
(Editor's Note—As a policy of CATS Magazine, cats and kittens, breeders and exhibitors are never recommended.)

BINDER IS OKAY

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the CATS Magazine binder. It is very nice and the copies of the magazine look and keep fine.

Mrs. Frank Leslie O'Connor
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I was told last spring of the wonderful results of the use of D.C.P. 340 for dogs and cats suffering with rickets. When a nursing mother-cat lost her milk, I decided to try this plan. I alternated—a feeding of 1/2 and 1/2 lime water and canned milk. Then the next feeding, from one to two hours apart, I gave 1/2 plain water, 1/2 milk and added D.C.P. 340 to this mixture. At 8 to 10 days of age the strongest kitten had eyes open and was climbing in and out of the box. The weakest kitten at two weeks could climb out of the box, and though the runt of the litter, did not drag his hind quarters—but walked. One week before, he had been too weak to hold a nipple. This show of strength may not be unusual in normal nursing of kittens. But in talks with others I learned it is not always so with the hand fed. D.C.P. 340 may be purchased at any drug store. I used my own judgment as to amount per mixture of milk.

Elizabeth Kloos
St. Petersburg, Fla.



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THE COVER

The cats pictured are Smoke Persians. They are (left) Kiva's Kasani and Kiva's Chief War Tree. The Smokes are owned by Mrs. Ada May Miles of Sherman Oaks, California. Picture made expressly for this issue by Mr. Frank Bjerring of North Hollywood, Calif.

Happy New Year

Our thoughts this year, as we enter another milestone, is centered on Peace. 1951 looks a very strange and unpredictable year. The most serious crisis our Nation has ever faced is now here. Cat lovers are urged not to neglect their favorite pet, neither should they permit their favorites to hinder the more important job that each is required to perform during the emergency.

There is enough food and shelter for all of us and our Cats. However, during 1951 let us hold to an even keel on behalf of our pets. Give them proper attention, food and shelter, but do it on a WAR footing. They will understand this in their little way, and continue to comfort you.

Elsewhere in these pages is a story about the possibility of an atom bomb, and the special manual that our Government is now planning for distribution. It is reported that there is information in the manual dealing with pets. We urge you to obtain a copy of this manual when it is available and read carefully the passage that will tell you what to do in regard to your pet.

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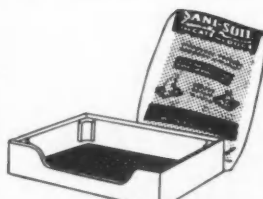
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Cats and kittens in the news, devoted pets to their owners, have been, for the past several months, receiving the Puss 'N Boots Bronze Award for their exploits as well as old-fashioned domestic service. The medals are presented by the Coast Fishing Company of Wilmington, California, manufacturer of Puss 'N Boots Cat Food.

The purpose of the awards and the citations that accompany them is to further an interest in the intelligence, loyalty and friendship of cats and of stimulating an appreciation of their true worth as companions of man.

The Awards with citations are not necessarily for acts of heroism, such as the Heroic Cat Medal which is presented to felines whose entire act resulted in the possible saving of human life, but for commendable deeds or characteristics deemed worthy of recognition.

For example, the Puss 'N Boots Bronze Award was presented to Fluffy, owned by Mrs. Matilda Wallace of Fresno, California. As the citation reveals, "Fluffy is proof that native intelligence and proper training can teach a cat to be harmless even to birds. Fluffy grew up with Mrs. Wallace's canaries, never harming one. Then when he found a baby mocking bird that had fallen from its nest, Fluffy picked it up and carried it safely to his mistress—as though asking her, his human friend, to take care of his feathered friend."

And here is another. Her name is simply Kitty, and she is now owned by Kitty Lou Thomas of Cleveland, Ohio. According to the citation "This tiger-striped kitten showed intelligence, initiative and exceptionally good judgement in a difficult situation. Homeless and hungry, she went straight to the best possible place for help—the Lost and Found desk of The Cleveland News. There she was found by Kitty Lou, who had been lonely since her pet cat was run over two years ago. Now the Thomas home is bright and cheerful again, and Kitty plays happily with her mistress, Kitty Lou."

And we cannot pass up the citation for Tillie, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kahn of Aurora, N. Y. "In the midst of the confusion and terror of a fire on the farm, Tillie bravely entered the blazing barn and rescued her entire litter of kittens from the flames. This act of heroism, climaxed to a long and useful life as matriarch of the farm's cat population, proved once again Tillie's devotion to her duty as mother, as well as loyal companion to the Kahn household."

Many of the cats whose exploits have been recorded in the pages of CATS Magazine during the last several months have received the Puss 'N Boots Bronze Award, including "Mr. Tag," owned by Phyllis-marie Arthur of Louisville, N. Y., "Tiden-Taden," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Webster Ramsey of Denver, Colorado,

"Candy," owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliott Barrow of Wrens, Ga., "Dovey," owned by Mrs. Alta McAnally of Adrian, Mich., and most recently "Pinky" and "Smoky," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koetters of Thousand Oaks, Calif., whose "Big Story" appears on page 8 of this issue of CATS Magazine.

By arrangements with Coast Fishing Company and Mr. Donald de la Chapelle, the secretary of the Committee on Selections of the Puss 'N Boots Bronze Awards, cats to be awarded the Heroic

'N Boots Bronze Awards have been presented.

The Bronze Award was designed by a prominent sculptor and does not contain any advertising. Front and reverse of the medal is depicted elsewhere on this page. Recipients of the Award are selected by an independent, impartial committee basing its decision on news stories appearing in CATS Magazine and newspapers. The Award is made only on the Committee's recommendation.

If you own a cat which you believe is



FRONT AND BACK VIEWS OF PUSS 'N BOOTS CAT MEDAL

Cat Medal will also be honored with the Bronze Award. Effective immediately and hereafter the cats scheduled to receive the Bronze Award will be announced to the Cat Lovers of America each month in CATS Magazine.

As of December 5, twenty-eight Puss

eligible for the Puss 'N Boots Bronze Award, do not hesitate to write CATS Magazine, addressing Puss 'N Boots Bronze Award, care of CATS Magazine. The letter will be sent to the Secretary immediately and unopened, for consideration and action, if acceptable.

Battle Creek, Michigan Puss is Heroic Cat

The State of Michigan has another Heroic Cat! This time it is Pee Wee, a four year old tiger tom owned by Claude E. Shive, age 69, of Battle Creek.

Pee Wee celebrated National Cat Week by selecting the early morning hours of Sunday, November 10 to join the parade of Heroic Cats.

When fire broke out in the Shive home as a result of a defective smoke pipe, Pee Wee entered the first floor bedroom of his master to sound the alarm.

Shive told the firemen afterwards that he could see nothing amiss, and

when Pee Wee refused to go outside, apparently, he returned to bed and went to sleep.

Hardly had he dozed off when Pee Wee reentered the bedroom and this time put up a terrific howl.

"I knew something must be wrong," said Mr. Shive. "I got up and tried the light but it wouldn't work. Then I got out my flashlight and began looking for something for my throat, I was coughing so bad. When I opened the door to the up-

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Dick's best friend was Blaze, a big collie dog whom he trusted and on whom his remaining years on life on this earth so depended. Blaze is dead. He was poisoned.

For many days Dick sat in the corner

CAT OWNERS WORRY ABOUT A-BOMB

Government Booklet Will Have
Pet Information

Cat owners are becoming increasingly concerned and alarmed with the reams of columns devoted to the A-Bomb and the protection from it in relation to their pets.

Much information has been published but very little, if anything, is included in these writings about cats (or dogs) in the event that a bomb should fall.

The government is just about ready to distribute an elaborate booklet on the A-bomb and protection from it, and, as we go to press, there is a possibility that the booklet will soon be in your hands.

This booklet advises that all pets should be kept indoors after an atomic attack for unless one is careful, some radio active matter is likely to be tracked in by such pets. The booklet also states that radio-activity lasts usually only a few minutes though it can linger for hours or even weeks or months. All pets therefore, must be kept indoors until all such danger is past.

The booklet goes on further to state that all pets that survive the blast out-of-doors should be given a thorough bath as soon as possible.

It is suggested that cat owners watch the newspapers daily for information where and when to apply for this booklet. It is the government's aim to have a copy in every American home.

An official of the National Canners Association, commenting on food in the event of an atomic attack, revealed recently that the populace could feed itself with confidence with canned goods, because it would not be radio-active. This is good news for the owner of a cat.

"In their hermetically sealed containers, canned foods, for the most part, would be unaffected and, under horrible disruption of the normal life of the populace, would be the only source of food and drink for the unfortunate victims of the attack," the official, Carlos Campbell of Washington, D. C., said.

Fortunately, there are sufficient canned cat foods available to handle this emergency for the cat owners of America.

of the living room and waited the return of his faithful canine companion to lead him outside and into the warm sunshine, where he could nuzzle at the earth and the sprinklings of grass.

Blaze was an outstanding dog and had won American Kennel Club rating for obedience. He was the delight of the neighborhood children.

Dick, a tomcat has been unable to see for several years. Blaze led Dick around with his big forepaw, guiding him to his food and around obstacles.

A week after Blaze passed on, Mrs. Dalroot said, "At first he (Dick) waited patiently, but now I know he knows that Blaze will never come back." The Dalroots are resigned to the passing of the cat.

Blaze came to the Dalroots five years ago as a six-month-old pup. Soon the two animals became the best of friends and Blaze learned to be Dick's "seeing eye" dog. Prior to that Dick groped about the house, bumping into furniture. He was afraid to venture out of the house.

Blaze would walk ahead of Dick, and then would drag a big forepaw up to the blind animal's saucer of food, showing the almost helpless cat where it was.

"Whenever Dick wanted to go outside the house, Blaze would lead him. They seemed to be able to talk to one another."

Blaze was a great favorite among the children of the neighborhood. The kids used to come over and ride Blaze's back, Mrs. Dalroot said.

"We can't imagine why someone would poison him. He was so friendly, and all the neighbors' children loved him," she said.

Anyhow, Blaze is now gone, and the Dalroots know that Dick is soon to follow.

Dick just cannot last without Blaze. He mourns him so.

BRITISHERS ANGRY WHEN CAT'S FOOD IS RULED OUT

British catlovers are up in arms as a result of the action taken by Hugh Gaitskell, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Recently the British Admiralty submitted its provisional budget for next year. Included in it was a request for two shillings (28 cents) weekly for the nourishment of a cat to rid the Admiralty of rats.

Mr. Gaitskell disavowed the item, arguing that if the Admiralty was actually infested with rats, the Admiralty cat could subsist on the rodents.

The word of Mr. Gaitskell's action got to the British catlovers. As a result his office has been snowed under with protests as has the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, The National Cat Club and the letter-to-the-editor columns of the British press generally, a London dispatch of the Overseas News Agency reports.



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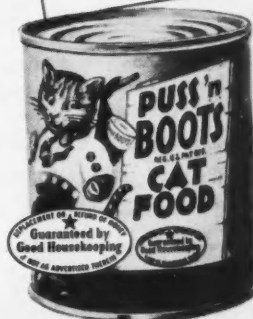
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Mrs. Frank Koettters grabbed Christine, one-and-a-half years old, blonde hair, blue eyes and all, and whisked her back up the stone steps that led to the house. Clutched in her tiny hand was a brightly-colored package, a birthday gift for her "girl friend" playmate next door. It was July 18, 1950.

There was a hissing sound down there on the steps and Frank Koetter's eyes centered on the two cats, Pinky and Smoky, as mother and child brushed past to the steps above. Then Frank Koetter's eyes saw the coiled form of a huge diamond-back rattlesnake as it lunged with mechanical regularity with bared fangs at the jumping cats.

There was a rattle and the serpent struck out at Smoky, who feinted with the thrust, out of harm's way. Pinky slashed out a front right paw at the beady black eyes of the snake. Then an-

other death-dealing rattle as Pinky retreated and the spring-like thrust of the snake lashed forth in the fury at the cat. This time Smoky dashed forward at the snake who was quickly returning to coil.

Fortunately, there on the stone steps lay a weed scrapper. Koetter grabbed it quickly and descended to the flagstone arena at the foot of the steps where the death-struggle was entering into another phase. How long the cats had held the rattler at bay and thwarted the probable dead-dealing strikes at Christine and her Mother will not be known.

Frank Koettler maneuvered into position at Ashford, England, dozens of starlings got lost in a heavy fog and flew down chimneys and perched on the branches of Christmas trees, shortly before Christmas. Mrs. Margaret Sellers said she tossed birds out of her home by the bucketful "after the family cat retired to a corner on the verge of a nervous breakdown."

A new cat club has been organized in the Youngstown (Ohio) area with Mrs. Lawrence Pelton, Hubbard, president; Robert Huffman, and Paul Sigle, vice presidents; Mrs. Paul Sigle, Canfield, Ohio, secretary; and Mrs. Vaughn Himes, treasurer. Club will apply for C.F.A. affiliation.

tion with the scrapper as the trapped snake coiled to strike at one of the cats. The hiss of the snake was cut off as Koetter wielded his weapon, skimming over the heads of the cats and pinning the snake against the retaining wall. The cats pulled back, and Frank, with a final burst of strength with the scrapper, severed the head of the rattler from its body.

The snake measured more than three feet and had seven rattles.

"I shutter when I think what might have happened if it hadn't been for the cats," Mrs. Koetter writes CATS Magazine. "I had just come up the stairs a few minutes before, leaving the car



Christine with her Mother, Mrs. Frank Koettters and their two cats which beat back a rattlesnake. Pinky is in the middle and Smoky in the arms of Mrs. Koettters. Ike, a third cat member of the family is in the background.

parked close to the foot of the steps. There was no sign of a snake. If the cats hadn't had him corralled, we might have stepped on it, or walked so close that he would have struck us several times. Christy was on the side where the snake was coiled and she would have been hit first."

Pinky and Smoky are seven years old and are ordinary domestic pets but the long hair type. Their action, quite possibly saving the lives of their owners is deserving of the CATS Magazine Heroic Cat Medal, each of which will be so awarded.

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General Gray, Famed Washington Cat Succumbs in Nineteenth Year

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ington, D. C.

Mr. Davis is a radio commentator of the American Broadcasting System and was the chief of the wartime Office of War Information. The loss of General Gray was a severe blow to this well known personality of the airways and official Washington.

Mr. Davis declared that General Gray was a cat "of great dignity and good humor, remarkable courage and a certain reserve."

News of the death of General Gray became known, when Mr. Davis entered Washington newspaper offices requesting insertion of a death notice, the day following the famous cat's departure from the world.

General Gray, a Silver Persian, had been a member of the Davis family since he was about six weeks old, and was the gift of the wife of a United State Army During World War II, General Gray general from whom he received his name. was named president of "Kittens for Britain," a national legion of cats who wore a gold medal and bell, proceeds from sale of which were contributed to the British cause.

The late cat first jumped into prominence when Mr. Davis wrote an article



ELMER DAVIS WITH GENERAL GRAY

in 1938 for Harper's Magazine title "On Being Kept By A Cat".

He has been cremated.

Emma Williams of Waterford, Conn., bequeathed \$1,000 to the Bide-A-Wee Home for Animals in New York, "in memory of Folly, my dear Persian cat". Miss Williams was for 23 years the contralto soloist at the New York Avenue Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

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Cats Are Not Much For Screen Acting

Moving picture cats become sulky and lose interest after rehearsing a few times, is the opinion of Frank Inn.

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In a scene from this picture, a puss was supposed to scat when Margaret entered a room. When the scene started, the feline star simply walked off the set in disdain.

To get the right shot, Inn used three identical cats from the same litter. Although the first two became bored in the rehearsals, the third was spry and springy for the "take," and of course to cat owners who will view the picture, the cat really stole the show.

The Greene County Memorial Hospital of Xenia, Ohio had its first maternity patient recently. A cat strolled into the building superintendent's office in the hospital and gave birth to four kittens. The Hospital is not expected to open until next month.

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NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAT

By Rita Swenson

Many of the common ailments of cats and kittens can be traced directly to an improperly balanced diet. Cats are denied the bloom expected of a show prospect, kittens are retarded in growth, misshapen or lost entirely and all due to a diet of questionable nutritional value.

Good nutrition is responsible for a cat's bright eyes, its sturdy frame, luxuriant coat and muscular "feel". Aside from its effect on a cat's appearance, good nutrition gives the cat healthy digestive processes and resistance to disease. Nutrition is, in short, the most important single factor in the cat's entire list of requirements.

Good nutrition means a diet balanced to supply muscle forming proteins—beef, horse meat, poultry, fish, etc., water for replenishing body fluids, vitamins, minerals, and the energizing fats and carbohydrates.

Years ago, balancing the diet meant adding a little of this and a little of that from packages and bottles, but today, due to the excellent blended combinations available, the guesswork as to amount and proportion has virtually been eliminated. There should be no excuse for neglecting a cat's supplements on the grounds that it is too much work, and thus deprive him of the benefits of his ration. Utilization of food so often depends on the vitamin intake.

Vitamins are not food in the sense that beef is food. The main purpose of vitamins is to assist in ACTIVATING food, and in helping the body perform properly.

Vitamin A, found in pure form in carotene, is necessary for growth, de-

velopment and the maintenance of healthy mucous membranes. A deficiency of this vitamin may result in weepy eyes or a lowered resistance to infection.

Vitamin B 1, (thiamine) is found in abundance in dry yeast concentrates. This anti-neuritic vitamin stimulates the appetite, aids digestion and assimilation of food, promotes a healthy nervous system and is an aid to normal reproduction. Deficiency symptoms are lack of appetite, muscular tenderness, and convulsive attacks.

Vitamin G or B 2, (riboflavin) is found in yeast concentrates, milk, liver, meat and eggs. It promotes growth and prevents nervous upsets.

Vitamin D, the sunshine vitamin, is absolutely essential for absorption of calcium and phosphorus and speeds delivery within the body to points where it is most needed for formation of strong bones and teeth. A vitamin D deficiency in young causes rickets and in old, swollen joints and stiffness.

Vitamin E is necessary for fertility and normal reproduction and is especially abundant in wheat grain.

Minerals are equally important in the maintenance of a well balanced diet. They are, calcium, phosphorus, iron, iodine and salt.

Calcium and phosphorus are perhaps the best known of the minerals. They are responsible for the massive frame, strong bones and teeth of the cat. A deficiency of these minerals is apt to result in crooked legs, soft bones and bad teeth. Bred and nursing queens should always be adequately supplied with calcium and

phosphorus. Unborn kits depend so much on the mother for their own bone building elements and if her supply is exhausted, the unborn kits will be underdeveloped at birth. It has long been one of my pet beliefs that lack of calcium in the diet is responsible for cleft palates in kittens. Some say it is a hereditary defect. All I can say in support of my statement is that cleft palates have been eliminated entirely in my cattery by the increased use of calcium plus vitamin D.

Breeding difficulties may also be caused by a lack of calcium and phosphorus. The narrow pelvis, which prevents ease of delivery, so often can be traced to a mineral deficiency. Attention to just this one point will result in broad chested, deep bodied animals which not only can support their own weight but those of their unborn offspring. In using calcium and phosphorus it is important to use the proper proportion of one to the other. By purchasing a blend one is saved the guesswork.

Iron, iodine and salt are little discussed minerals though they are important and usually found in commercial rations and in packaged vitamin-mineral blends. Iron forms hemoglobin, the "color" in the red blood corpuscles. Hemoglobin carries oxygen to the body's millions of cells and eliminates waste. Lack of iron in the diet may cause anemia.

Iodine is an aid to normal metabolism while salt, (sodium chloride) helps produce gastric juices and is an aid to good digestion.

There are other minerals but these mentioned appear to play the strongest roles in a cat's life.

This treatise on vitamins and minerals is sketchy. My purpose in mentioning them is not so much to play up the individual characteristics of the vitamins and minerals but rather to point out their joint importance. It is hoped that those of you who are having difficulties in breeding and rearing fine, healthy litters, will check the diet before deciding the litter is just "naturally" weak.

Survey Shows Cats Do Not Eat Birds

A survey has been made by LeRoy J. Korschgen as a Pittman-Robertson project to determine the food habits of various animals.

FREAK KITTEN BORN WITH EIGHT LEGS

A Persian cat, owned by Mrs. Peter Wenkert, of Reseda, Calif., gave birth in November to a freak born with eight legs, a pointed head, no eyes and three tails of which two protruded from the head and the other from the normal position. It was one of a litter of three kits, the other two being normal. The freak kitten was destroyed immediately.

A summary of this investigation was carried in the October issue of "The Missouri Conservationist," showing that instead of the cat being a destroyer of birds, he is very much to the contrary. The survey shows the tastes of the common highway cat, and this is what was found in percentages:

Mice, 38.1; rabbit, 25.6; cotton rat, 9; table scraps, 6.9; quail, 4.6; terrapin, 2.7; rat, 2.4; pig, 2.4; grasshoppers, 1.9; and undetermined meat, 1.8 per cent.

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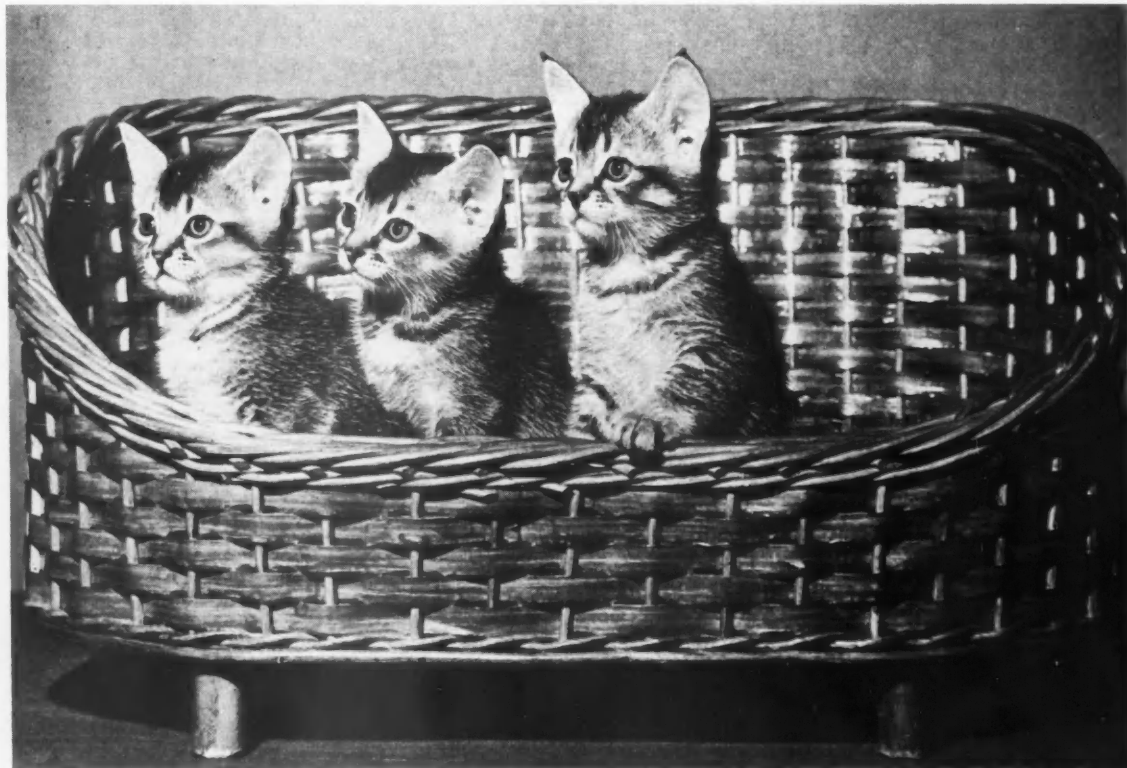
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CAT PICTURE OF THE MONTH - - - - - No. 1

FIRST ENTRY FOR TITLE OF 1951 CAT PICTURE OF THE YEAR



First in the parade of 1951 Cat Pictures of the Month to determine for the fifth consecutive year, the Cat Picture of the Year, is the picture reproduced above. The photo for the month of January 1951 was made by Mrs. Luba Bashman, a professional photographer of Kenmore, N. Y., who specializes in children's portraits. The owners and breeders of the kittens are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schuler of Buffalo, N. Y.

This is the first selection in the 1951 year-around photography contest featuring cats and kittens, sponsored by the American Crabmeat Company of Boston, Mass., manufacturers of Three Little Kittens All-Fish Cat Food, in cooperation with CATS Magazine. The selection carries a prize of a \$25.00 U. S. Government Series E Bond.

The kittens shown are the extremely rare breed of foreign short hair cats, known as Abyssinians, which trace their ancestry back to the days of the Pharaohs and are the nearest approach to the Sacred Cat of Ancient Egypt as determined by eminent zoologists who base their claims by means of various murals and other Egyptian paintings which have been preserved.

Names of the kittens, left to right, are Tom, Dick and Harriet. Sire of the little Abyss was Casa Gatos Marc Anthony. Dam was Tigre of Wijiji, the 1950 All-Eastern selection in her breed, color and sex classification.

The January Cat Picture of the Month is first in line for the grand prize of a \$100 U. S. Government Series E Bond to be given to the winner of the 1951 Cat Picture of the Year. The picture finally selected will grace the 1952 National Cat Week seals. The second Cat Picture of Month will be published in the next issue (February 1951) of CATS Magazine.

Entries are being received daily for the contest. The returns are expected to increase as the news of the unusual contest continues to expand through the advertising facilities of the American Crabmeat Company and its agency. Now that the first picture in the series has been published, many who have waited to see it, will go to work to fashion a classic.

Although many have already submitted their pictures, it does not mean that the photo selected for January eliminates those already on hand. Such early en-

tries continue in the running and may be selected as late as December as the Cat Picture of the Month. This means that seasonal backgrounds may provide an unusual setting, such as Easter, Decoration Day, Christmas, etc.

Although its product is called Three Little Kittens and "three little kittens" happened to appear in the January Cat Picture of the Month, the American Crabmeat Company and its co-sponsor CATS Magazine do not consider it a basic requirement to win an award. The 1950 Cat Picture of the Year had two cats as its subject. The 1948 and 1949 Cat Pictures of the Year had single cats as a central theme. The 1948 picture depicted an action shot of a firehouse mascot sliding down a firepole as his trainer looks on. The 1949 picture showed a youngster, in sleeping suit ready for bed, holding up a kitten.

Before sending in your entry for the Cat Picture of the Month and Cat Picture of the Year, read the rules of the contest carefully in the American Crabmeat advertising on Page 3. Do not send photographs to CATS Magazine nor to the American Crabmeat Company. Send to the special Cat Picture Contest Box 402, Boston 2, Mass.

MAN ON FARM HAS BIG BROADCAST FOR NATIONAL CAT WEEK

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National Cat Week for the first time in its history, took to the air to honor America's cats on Saturday, November 11, on the "Man on the Farm" program over the entire network of stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The show is sponsored each week at 12 o'clock noon by the Quaker Oats Company, and is staged at the firm's experimental farm at Libertyville, Illinois, approximately 45 miles northwest of Chicago.

Chuck Acree is master of ceremonies of "Man on the Farm" and being an avowed Cat Lover, lost little time in presenting a well-rounded show that reached the ears of millions that Saturday afternoon.

On this Salute to Cats broadcast, Mrs. Mary Wells of Waukegan, Illinois, won the quiz contest. Prize was El Capitan, a lovely Blue male Persian kitten, presented by Dr. and Mrs. Van Zele of Lemon Grove, California.

To top off the feline activities, Miss Lydia O. Cypher of Pittsburgh, Pa., executive secretary of National Cat Week, Inc., presented Acree with a Siamese Seal Point kitten named Li-Di. It was the surprise of the broadcast, and particularly to Acree.

The program was punctuated with appropriate music for the occasion with



BIG BROADCAST—Here is the group featured in the National Cat Week radio program over the 430 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System on November 11, staged by Man on the Farm. (L. to R. George Menard and Ann Andrews, singers; Chuck Acree, master of ceremonies holding Siamese presented him; Charles A. Kenny, CATS Magazine publisher; Mrs. Mary Wells of Waukegan, Ill., winner of Cat Quiz and holding Blue Persian kitten award; Jim Campbell, announcer and Reggie Cross. Acree was presented with Siamese, Li-Di of Akanta by Lydia O. Cypher, secretary of Cat Week. Blue Persian is El Capitan, presented by Dr. and Mrs. V. Van Zele of Lemon Grove, Calif. (Photo, courtesy of Mutual Broadcasting Co.)

vocal selections furnished by Ann Andrews and George Menard, who rendered "The Cat Came Back," "Anybody Seen My Kitty," the "Pussy Cat Song" and others.

Also on the program was Charles A. Kenny, publisher of CATS Magazine, who was interviewed by Acree during the first half of the broadcast and officiated with the master of ceremonies during the

quiz contest. In the second half of the broadcast the magazine publisher was asked questions about cats by the audience.

Acree crossed up the contestants on the quiz show when he asked the question: "What are the last four hairs on a cat's tail called?" (Answer—Cat hair).

It is expected that the program will be repeated next November.

BATTLE CREEK CAT

(Continued from page 6)

stairs, clouds of smoke poured out on me and I knew the house was on fire."

He grabbed the telephone, but it was out of order, so he ran next door. The neighbors phoned for the firemen. Pee Wee bounded off into the darkness, returning in safety after the excitement was over.

Pee Wee weighs nearly 15 pounds and is well known in the neighborhood. He is usually seen on the edge of the property along Raymond Road watching the motorists whizz by. On three occasions, Pee Wee has been hit by passing autos, the last time being only last summer.

"We've always cared a lot about Pee Wee and didn't mind nursing him," Mr. Shive says. "Now we're glad we did, because he really saved my life."

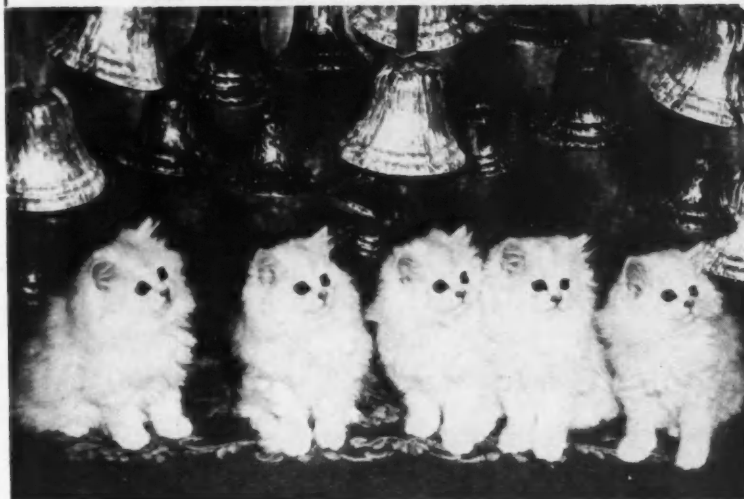
Pee Wee is the second Michigan cat to be honored as an Heroic Cat during 1950. On January 29 last year Dovey, a blue domestic short hair female, owned by Mrs. Alta MaAnnally of Adrian sounded the alarm to save her mistress, age 83, from the possibility of being burned alive in her home.

The information concerning Pee Wee has been furnished through means of newspaper clippings from the Battle Creek (Mich.) Inquirer and News, sent by Miss Merrill Berridge. The Heroic Cat Medal for Pee Wee will be sent Mr. Shive on behalf of the great act performed by his pet.

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- 6-7 Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Revington); American Tabby & Tortie Club Specialty (Herms); National Siamese Society Specialty (Herms); Solid Color Club of the West (Herms).
- 12-13 Boston, Mass.—Boston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (O'Neill); Solid Color Club of the East (Mabie); Siamese Cat Club of New England (Mabie).
- 13-14 Hollywood, Calif.—California Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Herms); California Silver Fanciers (Henderson); California Solid Color Franciers (Henderson).
- 13-14 Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club (CFA). All Breed (Rotter).
- 13-14 St. Petersburg, Fla.—St. Petersburg Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Zieses).
- 19-20 Garden City, N. Y.—Long Island Cat Breeders Club (CFF). All Breed (Hobbs); Siamese Cat Society of America (Fiedler); National Tabby & Tortie Club (Erdman).
- 21-22 Buffalo, N. Y.—Buffalo Cat Club (CFA). All Breed; Siamese Specialty; Solid Color Specialty.
- 20-21 Los Angeles, Calif.—Angel City Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Phillips).
- 26-27 New York, N. Y.—Empire Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Keller); National Siamese Specialty (Sawyer).
- 26-27 Denver, Colo.—Mile Hi Cat Association (ACA). All Breed; Siamese Specialty.
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CAT TAILS

The most unusual tale to come out of the Northwest and from Seattle, Washington in particular, is that concerning Tommy, owned by a tavern keeper.

Tommy is a coin collector and got that way by keeping an eye on the telephone coin box in the booth in the tavern.

Customers drop into the tavern for a quick one and make telephone calls that fail to connect. Then they leave the booth—for another quick one, perhaps—forgetting to pick up the returned coin. That's when Tommy, the cat, steps in. With a deft paw he extracts the money from the coin box and turns it over to the tavern proprietor, who serves as his "banker".

Tommy's "take" is said to be more than enough to keep him in shape (potatoes to Chips), which are a favorite of his, for the rest of his life. After his current rations are paid for out of the fund, the surplus is plowed back into the business—the telephone business. Because Tommy, through his "banker" is a stockholder in the A. T. & T.

The tale of Tommy is reported in the Long Lines Magazine of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

In November, Gene Bengel, a St. Louis motorist, was driving on the highway near Overland, Mo., when a black cat dashed in front of the car. The cat was pursued by an eight-point buck deer.

Bengel attempted to swerve the car to avoid hitting either animal, but he plowed right into the deer, killing it. The front of the auto was badly damaged.

Police seized Bengel and kept the carcass of the deer, pending a ruling from the Missouri Conservation Department on the legality of the "kill". It so happened that the Missouri State deer season didn't open until the following week.

Last month, CATS Magazine reported the news about the community of Cresskill, N. J., which has an ordinance requiring that three bells be placed on every cat owned by residents of the town, in addition to the payment of a cat-tax.

Many cat owners resented the ordinance, particularly when reference was made that the addition of three bells to the collars of all licensed cats, was foisted upon the felines and their owners by a group of bird lovers.

However, in this particular cat tale which had its origin in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Thanksgiving day last, it was a bell on the collar of the cat, Billy, that quite possibly saved the lives of his owners, although he himself perished in the flames.

Billy was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Lasky. Visiting with the Laskys was the latter's sister, Miss Bertha Dorsett of Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Dorsett was aroused early Thanksgiving morning by the tinkling of the bell attached to Billy's collar. She knew that Billy wouldn't be roaming around

the house so early in the morning, so she decided to investigate. She found Billy wandering about, groggy from smoke which began filling the apartment.

Miss Dorsett aroused her sister and brother-in-law and the three fled to the street below. They left Billy to the flames.

Sandra is a three and a half year old Doberman Pinscher, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kelley of Manalapan Township, New Jersey. She has a new family of kittens. She stepped in where the mother cat left off. The sad part of this tale is that the mother cat was struck down on the highway and died immediately.

The happy part of the tale is that Sandra has completely taken over, and the strange part of the tale is that Sandra has not been in a family way for 14 months, consequently she cannot feed the kittens.

But Sandra is a "very good mother". Mr. Kelley is quick to explain. "She has had two litters of pups." She is a prize dog with a pedigree as long as your arm. At first, the Kelleys kept the kittens out of the Doberman's reach after their mother's death. However, they noticed Sandra's interest in the two-week-old litter and as an experiment placed the kittens within her reach. From that time on, the dog has maintained a constant vigil over the kittens. She washes them, and if one wanders off, she gently picks it up by the scruff of the neck and returns it to the chair which she occupies with her family.

The kittens are perfectly content with Sandra, a dog which would normally be considered a mortal enemy. According to Mr. Kelley, a Doberman is not a dog to fool with. "They make the best watchdogs in the world," he explains. He knows this from experience because he originally purchased the dog to guard his tavern, after it had been robbed three times. "Now no one would come in at night with Sandra here," he avers.

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It was also announced that a temporary suspension has been made in the ruling relative to the displaying of ribbons and trophies at CFA sponsored shows, which have been won at shows held under the sponsorship of other registry association.

A special announcement by Mrs. James R. Mood, The Recorder, Cat Fanciers' Association, Arlington, Va., concerning registry of names, has been released (Nov. 19, 1950) as follows:

It is called to the attention of exhibitors at C. F. A. cat shows that unless their cats are entered in the shows under their C.F.A. registered name, their wins will not be credited when claiming championships. The name must correspond with that as recorded in the C. F. A. files.

Addition of cattery names, not recorded, will not be permitted, nor will the omission of a cattery name, if the cat is registered with that name. There were two cases last season wherein the entire season's wins were voided because the name in the catalog did not correspond to the C. F. A. registered name.

It is also pointed out that unregistered cats, out to gain championships, should be registered after their first win in order to make sure that the name they are using is available, as a registered nurse.

The display advertising (CATS, Oct., 1950 page 3), of Dr. & Mrs. V. Van Zele of Lemon Grove, Calif., should have read "Casa Contenta presents" instead of as indicated. Casa Contenta is the name of the Van Zele Cattery.

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Most of the children celebrate Halloween, but how many really know the origin of the rites? Back in 1651, during the reign of Cornelius Agrippa, there was what was called an Occult Philosophy. It stated that if "coriander, smallage, henbane and hemlock be made a fume, spirits will presently come together, hence they are called the spirits herbs. Also that a fume made of the root of herb sagapen with the juice of hemlock and henbane and the herb tapsus barbatus, red sanders and black poppy make spirits and strange shapes appear." It is really stated in many books—old books, that by fumes, certain animals will be gathered together. The conjurers' books, back many centuries, make a great point of this doctrine. Certain fumes fascinate certain animals. Some of the herbs are gathered only in the new of the moon, to be effective. Vervaine is one of the herbs. Certain kinds of ointments also were used, as was the polishing of intaglios. But this knowledge seems to have been completely lost.

Read an account of The Taigheirm, an infernal magical sacrifice of cats, the origin of which lies in remote pagan times.

John Gregorson Campbell in "Superstitions of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland" describes The Taigheirm as a 'Devil's Supper'. He mentions three instances of these performances, all of which are similar.

Read the story by Alexandre Dumas, who tells of a clairvoyant cat which goes far in this bit of fiction.

There are so many superstitions about cats in connection with African voodoo worship that it would take many pages to begin to cover the subject.

The mystical character of the cat has challenged attention, delighting her admirers and terrifying her 'unlikers', since she strolled rather magnificently into history about 1600 B. C.

The cat's origin itself is clouded in

darkest mystery. To those who believe her a loving, gentle descendent of some timid wild-cat, this is all bosh and nonsense. All terrestrial of the wildcat family, persistently and ferociously resist attempts at domestication. The French have many quotations that clarify this phase of feline life. There is a magazine called the "Occult Review" which just recently informed it's readers that "cats have green auras, and further assures us that they are the most magnetic of all four-footed animals!"

Sir Walter Scott once observed to his friend, Washington Irving "that cats were a mysterious kind of folk!" And Washington Irving claimed there was more passing on in cats' minds than the human man knew of which, no doubt, came from their close association with warlocks and witches; that warlocks and witches were friends of cats because cats are occult.

The cat tread is soft and noiseless. He will leap lightly and some times it seems to us, blindly, to the top of the highest piece of furniture littered with glasses and china without disturbing the smallest piece. The pupils of his eyes, wide open, vary with the light. (In China it is said the natives can tell the

Vivien Leigh recently made a social call on Ethel Barrymore.

And what happened when two great ladies of the stage and screen spent the afternoon together?

Miss Leigh, currently starring in "A Streetcar Named Desire," came away with photographic recollections of her visit with Miss Barrymore. Both being devotees of cats, the two ladies spent the hours talking about and taking pictures of Miss Barrymore's Siamese. Miss Leigh's proudest possession at her Chelsea home in London, is her own pet Siamese named Boy.

"I just had to get a photo of Miss Barrymore's Siamese," laughed the star, "or Boy would never have forgiven me."

time of day by their cat's eyes). In some other places Suffolk for one, it is claimed and believed that the cat's eyes dilate with the ebb and flow of the tide.

There is a well known European who asserts that it is the transparency and clearness which gives the cat's eyes their mystery. The cat will stare with ecstasy, seeming to see on, through and beyond what mortal can not see.

In 1693, there was an article published in "Complete English Physician" that is a bit bewildering to me. Quote "As to a Cat's eyes, Authors say that they shine at night and see better at the full and more dimly at the change of the moon. Also that the cat doth vary his eyes with the sun; the pupil being round at sunrise, and long toward noon and not to be seen at all at night but the whole eye shining in the darkness. The appearance of Cat's eyes, I am sure, are true; but whether they answer to the times of day, I have never observed." Their half shut lids are very suggestive and probably significant of some strange thaumaturgic powers.

"Eyes of a cat, eyes of a gypsy, eyes of a wolf", is a Spanish proverb signifying acute observation.

The fur on your pet pussy-cat harbors electricity and sends swift currents of this lightning up your arm as you stroke the animal.

There have been times when I have been alone with my favorite cat. I have watched his eyes suddenly dilate, ears pointed back, arched spine which followed a startling, unexpected, unexplained prance across the floor. Then he would settle back to his 'laundry', and repose as if nothing, absolutely nothing, had happened. (I ask you—what DID happen. What awakened this spurge of wildness? Is it some noise unheard by humans; some smell that is not pleasant? Personally I feel that it is a reminiscence of the terrible medieval nights when the cat joined the witch on her broom-stick and trailed across the face of the moon.

You must admit, the cat walks by herself, retains her dignity, reserve, keeps her secrets, and gives no sign. She has witnessed scenes in alchemystical garrets. There are those who claim that all the

Cats, valuable mousers from time immemorial, had a ceiling price in Wales during the 10th century. The price list was issued by the Welsh king, Howel the Good, the National Geographic Society reveals. It provided that a newborn kitten rated one pence, an inexperienced one two-pence, and a cat with a mouse already to its credit, fourpence. The cats that guarded the royal granary were especially protected. Anyone convicted of killing a feline rat catcher, had to pay a fine of a ewe sheep with her lamb and fleece.

Mrs. Max Fiedler judged the Siamese Specialty show at Detroit (CATS, Dec. '50, p. 20). Name was erroneously omitted.

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mysterious points of occultism is culminated in the BLACK cat. This could not be true. A cat is a cat, and her qualities have caused her to be worshipped as a god, or treated as a demon.

The cat not infrequently played an important part in mythology, and at times enters into the elements of religion. There is no other animal so closely related and intimately bound with arcane rites of the several ages, as the cat. It has been waited upon by priests of Egypt. It has long been considered the familiar of witches in the Middle Ages. It was the companion of Saint Ives and Saint Gertrude, considered the 'gentlest of mystics' in Sicily. It was sacred to St. Martha and friend of Mohammed. The Cat is considered the time-piece of China and the weather-vane of Scotland and England. When all is said and done you will find that puss saunters on noiseless pads through much folklore and many legends. She has been hated, petted, feared and venerated.

I have not yet found a place where the cat is mentioned in the Bible, but in Queen Mary's Psalter, 1553, there is a picture of a beautiful woman with the body of a cat. There is ample proof in many places that the cat was known in Egypt 1600 years before the birth of Christ. There are tablets in London museums, and here as well, that verify this fact. Bast or Pasht was the cat goddess and it is from these two names that certain wise philologists derive the name, "puss." Still others seem to think it comes from the Latin, "pusus."

Diana, the goddess assumed the form of a cat when Typhon forced her to hide in an animal's shape. Then there is the Norse Freyja (Tutonic Venus), whose chariot was drawn by cats. The sun-god, Ra was often referred to as The Great Cat.

The cat is a wise and clever huntress but chaste—never!

The Egyptians shaved their eyebrows and went into mourning when a cat died, and the penalty for killing a cat was very severe.

In Egypt it was the correct thing to paint cats in fresco, sculpture them in stone, and mummify them after death.

Countless examples of these mummies in museums bear silent witness to the veneration in which cats were held. With royalty, their personal cats were wrapped in red sacks, and buried alive, with their owners. The working classes of Egypt called these cats, "sack-red;" later they referred to them as sacred cats. It was the privilege of kings and rulers alone to have their sack-red cats entombed with them. This privilege was denied the working man. (Cats of Ancient Egypt, W. M. Conway).

Here is a fact that I have never been able to understand. Mummified mice have been discovered in cat tombs. (Probably food for the royal pets?)

In Mill's "History of the Crusades" on the festival of Corpus Christi the finest Tom cat of the country, wrapped

like a child in warm clothing, was publicly exhibited in a magnificent shrine. All knees bent, every hand strewed flowers or poured incense. This Tom was treated in all respects as the god of the day. A writer in one of the Catholic periodicals, "The Month", finds little to believe in it. (Vol. 87, p. 487 London, 1896).

In the Fifth Century A. D., the cat seems quite at home in China and Japan. According to legend and folklore she wraps a towel around her head and walks the rooftops on her hind legs. Sometime she grows a forked tail. When she is ten years of age she possesses the ability to speak. Her strength of powers, increases with age. If she reaches a certain number of years she can effect transformations. (This belief finds confirmation in European folklore. It is said a cat twenty years old can turn into a witch, and a witch one hundred years old can turn into a cat.)

The Persians also hesitate before killing a cat. Alfreets often assumed the feline form and the angry evicted demons are willing to spend the rest of eternity haunting the person responsible for destroying their dwelling.

In Egypt it is believed that a Djinn takes the form of a cat when he wishes to haunt a house and the last born of twins, in order to satisfy her desires, is capable of turning herself into a cat. The orientals are more clever than we regarding cats. They credit them with a language, a wisdom of the future, an extreme sensitivity which enables them to see objects and beings that are invisible to us. They credit the cat as being on the borderline of natural and super natural, the conscious and subconscious. It can be very truthfully stated that an accidental clergyman has written a book, (Man and Beast; Here and Hereafter, Rev. J. G. Wood), to prove that animals have souls and will share our future hereafter.

In the Religious System of China, we will find an early story of cat sorcery. The incident occurred in 598 A. D. under the Sui Dynasty. The book is by de Groot.

It must be remembered that in the Middle Ages, cats attended witches' revels, went to the Sabbath and frequently shared the fate of the witch who was to be drowned or toasted alive. Many witches about to be burned confessed that they had often taken the shapes of cats. These confessions stimulated the persecution of the feline race. In the Middle Ages cats, like other animals, could be sued or criminally tried. These

trials were not rare. Again the Roman Church claimed full power to anathematize all animate and inanimate things. Perhaps these facts added to the gleaming eyes and mysterious nature of the cat.

In the early part of the Sixteenth Century, all peoples were instructed and believed that all cats went to the Sabbath on the eve of St. John's Day. Therefore the peasants, in order to rid the country of sorcerers, threw all cats they could catch that day into a blazing fire.

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 Best Dom. S.H.—Pentagon Empress Suki, br. tby. f., Mrs. Harold Bayer.
 Judge—Mrs. Lester O'Neill.

Solid Color

Best, Best Ch.—Azurevale Many of Khyber.
 Best Opp., Best Opp. Ch.—Hermescryst Natajha, lk. m., Mrs. Frances Herms.
 Best Nov.—Kay-Ru Jimmie, bl. m., Mrs. H. Rudolf.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Pearl Harbor Radiant Star, b.e. wh. f., Mrs. E. Rebecca Jancs.
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 Best Opp., Best Ch.—Silver Quest Fantasie, sh. silv. m., Miss Kay M. Thoma.
 Best Opp. Ch.—Chirn Sa-Hai Hansa, s.p. siam. f., Mrs. Richard O'Donovan.
 Best Nov.—Babylon's Casanova, bl. m., Helen Dunn Jacobson.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Paw Paw's Delicia, bl. f., Mrs. Walter Yeager.
 Best Kit—Pectee Dolly Bear, o.e. wh. f., Mrs. R. Cole.
 Best Opp. Kit—Sunny Crest's Silver Star, chin. m., Dr. H. F. Fenwick.
 Best Dom. S.H.—Kiriki of Springbrook, sh. silv. f., Mrs. C. F. Kunkler.
 Judge—Mrs. John Hunter.

— Mrs. Dorothy Trend

MILWAUKEE CAT CLUB

At Milwaukee, Wis. Nov. 11-12, 1950. CFA rules.

All Breed

Best, Best Gr. Ch.—Jubilee of Blulace of West Allis, bl. m., Mrs. Lester O'Neill.
 Best Opp., Best Nov.—West Allis Annette, bl. f., Mrs. Lester O'Neill.
 Best Ch.—Wycliffe Chelsie of Nor-Mont, bl. m., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
 Best Opp. Ch.—Kiva's Kachina Doll, sh. silv. f., Mrs. Ada May Miles.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Florence's Thunder Jet, blk. m., James H. Brooks.
 Best Kit—Northland Boy Blue, bl. m., M. J. Rockwell.
 Best Opp. Kit—Nor-Mont's Charm, bl. cr. f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
 Best S. H.—Vee Roi's Blue Saphyre, b.p. siam. f., Mrs. R. H. Hecht.
 Best Opp. S. H.—Vee Roi's Playboy, b.p. siam. m., Mrs. R. H. Hecht.
 Best Dom. S. H.—Nor-Mont's Angelique (AA-50), b.e. wh. f., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
 Judge—Mrs. C. F. Rotter.

Solid Color

Best, Best Gr. Ch.—Jubilee of Blulace of West Allis.
 Best Opp., Best Ch.—Pamela of Pets Beautiful, o.e. wh. f., Mrs. Helen Mackiewicz.
 Best Opp. Ch.—Wycliffe Chelsea of Nor-Mont.
 Best Nov.—West Allis Annette.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Lavender Blazer, bl. m., Mrs. Ethel Kingland.
 Best Kit—Northland Boy Blue.
 Best Opp. Kit—Laytons Park Countess Juliet, bl. f., Mrs. Martha Schmelter.
 Best S. H.—Nor-Mont's Angelique (AA-50).
 Best Opp. S. H.—Nor-Mont's White Snow Man, b. e. wh. m., Mrs. Merald E. Hoag.
 Judge—Mrs. Horace O. Reed.
 —Mrs. Lester O'Neill

TOLEDO CAT FANCIERS

Toledo, Ohio. Nov. 18-19. CFA rules.
 Best, Best Ch.—Chewanna's Sweet Sentiment, sh. silv. f., Mrs. Carl Keller.
 Best Opp.—Tommy Tucker of the Tower, bl. m., Mrs. Ethel Treen.
 Best Gr. Ch.—Babylon's Beau Barry II, bl. m., Mrs. James Partlan.
 Best Opp. Ch.—Smoke Sultan, smk. m., Mrs. Billie Rittenmier.
 Best Nov.—Hi Hat's Beauty Glow of Truth, bl. cr. f., Mrs. Frank Smith.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Lee's Hi Hat Sir Buff of Truth, cr. m., Mrs. Frank Smith.
 Best Kit—Lake Erie Play Girl, bl. f., Mrs. Robert Coulter.
 Best Opp. Kit—Nestledown's Glen, bl. m., Mrs. Walter Meyers.
 Best S. H.—Vee Roi's Ban Shee (AA-50), s.p. siam. f., Dr. J. S. Caldwell.
 Best Dom. S. H.—Black Beauty, blk. f., Mrs. Violet Betz.
 Judge—Mrs. Frances Herms.
 —Helen Dunn Jacobson

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At Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 25-26, 1950. CFA rules.

All Breed

Best—Dixi-Land's Peace, bl. m., Mrs. John H. Revington.
 Best Opp., Best Opp. Ch.—Silver Moth's Azure Angel (AA-50), bl. f., Mrs. Florence Kemmer.

Best Ch.—Plumfield Mr. Blessing of Spero, blk. m., Mrs. Carl R. Johnson.
 Best Nov.—Blulace Romulus of Khyber, blk. m., Mrs. R. A. Lacy.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Dixi-Land's Iani, bl. f., Mrs. John H. Revington.
 Best Kit—Chirn Sai-Hai Yingtu, b.p. siam. m., Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan.
 Best Opp. Kit—Southland's Trudy, bl. f., Mrs. Foster Prather.
 Best For. S.H.—Rosebank Chrysanta Royalist, b.p. siam. f., Mrs. C. Edward Voke.
 Best Am. S. H.—Clinker, br. tby. m., Mrs. John W. MacMillan.
 Judge—Mrs. Laura J. Graham.

Tabby & Tortie

Best, Best Ch.—Lord Plushbottom, p. f. red tby. m., Mrs. Howard L. Risler.
 Best Opp.—Garvinia Cheri, red tby. f., Mrs. W. H. Garvin.
 Best Opp. Ch.—Vangie of Mi-Choice, silv. tby. f., Mrs. Maurice Shaw.
 Best Nov.—Floridanus Flamingo, red tby. m., Mrs. Maud Barney.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Chirn Sai-Hai Plumbun, bl. cr. (f.), Mrs. R. L. O'Donovan.
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 Best Opp. Kit—Shamrock's Rickey, red tby. m., Mrs. M. Shumate.
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 Best Dom. S. H.—Clinker.
 Judge—Mrs. F. H. Herms.

Solid Color

Best, Best Ch.—Plumfield Mr. Blessing of Spero.
 Best Opp.—Electra of Blulace, bl. f., Mrs. R. A. Lacy.
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 Best Nov.—Blulace Romulus of Khyber.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Miss Priscella of Polychrome, bl. f., Mrs. Earl Posey.
 Best Kit—Southland's Trudy.
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 Best For. S.H.—The Farm's Gidde Cat, b.e. wh. manx m., Miss Winifred Porter.
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 Best Nov.—Great Lakes Samson of Baby Kits, blk. m., Mrs. Chester Huffman.
 Best Opp. Nov.—Tina, chin. f., Mrs. Reid Copeland.
 Best Kit—Pee Tee Dolly Bear, o.e. wh. f., Mrs. Ruth H. Cole.
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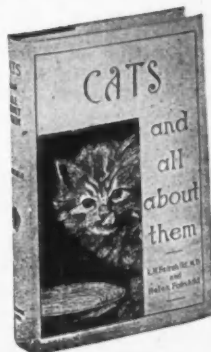
Agnes Repplier, dean of American essayists, died at her home in Philadelphia, December 15 at the age of 95 years. She was the author of "The Fireside Sphinx" one of the outstanding literary classics on the subject of Cats ever written.

She was an avowed Cat-Lover, but very definitely did not like dogs. In reference to canines she once stated, according to The New York Times:

"I am not without a suspicion that the dog is far from feeling the rapture and the reverence which we so delightedly ascribe to him. What is there about any one of us to awaken such sentiments in the breast of an intelligent animal?"

She had been an invalid for the last ten years and had been seriously ill with a heart ailment since September.

Aside from "The Fireside Sphinx", Miss Repplier is best remembered for "Pere Marquette, Priest, Pioneer and Adventurer", "Mere Marie of the Ursulines", and "Junipero Serra, Pioneer Colonist of California", in addition to many collections of essays.



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THE BACK FENCE

WALTER WINCHELL reports that the pet cat of DIRECTOR ROUBEN MAMOULIAN and his wife, fell out of their 37th floor apartment at the Pierre Hotel in New York recently, the poor puss, being smashed to death.

MINNIE MARANZANO, the domestic cat owned by MR. and MRS. JOSEPH MARANZANO may hold some sort of a production record. Recently she gave birth to kittens No. 257, 258, 259 and 260. MINNIE is 12 years old. JOE is a barber . . . PATROLMAN EDWARD J. EASTON is the super-sleuth of Brockton, Mass. An unidentified woman motorist paused for a traffic light recently there and she heard the sound of a meow. Sounded like the animal was in the trunk of the car. She pulled over to the curb and investigated. No cat. A passerby lifted the hood. Still no cat! Then EASTON came along. He said, "When you've looked for something in every place it could be, then you look where it couldn't possibly be". He found the cat under the car's fender, wedged between a steel flange.

In St. Louis, MRS. RUTH HAYDEN, thought her cat was too much trouble so she took NIPPY to the Humane Society Shelter. "Then I came home and started dinner and got to thinking what a friendly cat NIPPY is," she said. "I hurried back to the Humane Society, 90 minutes later, but NIPPY was already gone. I certainly miss that cat, and I hope to get it back." She was advertising for its return in the classified columns of the newspapers.

EDWARD, the cat who has been a feature in "The Drunkard" at the Theatre Mart in Los Angeles for the past eight years took a long vacation during the summer. Another cat came around to take over. MILDRED ILSE who handles the books at the theatre charges off 60 cents weekly from the box office receipts for EDWARD'S food. EDWARD has since returned. The other cat has not left. MILDRED has refused to extend the amount, despite the two cats who are now fully adapted to the two-for-one policy . . . Cat owners need have no fear of lack of food for their pets. Packers and manufacturers of pet food have looked far ahead in their plans to meet all requirements, despite the stepped-up defense program which will probably effect food supplies. There will be no shortage of ingredients, the manufacturers report. It may be well to point out that the industry has progressed so much in recent years that the standard products compare well with home-prepared meals for pets—better in many cases, for balanced ratio content than the food given to pets by loving but non-scientific owners.

Here is a story out of Brazil, Ind., concerning JIGGS, the cat owned by MR. and MRS. DAVID LEWIS. JIGGS is a self-baiting mousetrap. When eating cheese, he saves the last scraps to smear his face. The face is then poised close to a mouse-hole. Result—a cheesy aroma in the mousehole. It doesn't take long for nature and JIGGS to do the rest . . . CFA annual meeting with all-important election has MRS. JOHN H. REVINGTON heading one slate as president with MRS. BESS MORSE of California, vice-president and MRS. MYRTLE K. SHIPE, now prexy, moving over to secretary-treasurer. My, how the rumors get around . . . MRS. M. CROCKETT of London, England knows how to get a cat out of a chimney. She put white paper in the grate, turned on the light and departed from the room. An hour later she returned. The paper had paw marks on it. They stretched across the room, over the divan and out of the window.

In Omaha, Nebraska, a telephone misunderstanding caused the fire department there to give special service to BOOTS, a kitten. The firemen were notified that the kitten was trapped in a sewer but to the operator the appeal sounded like "kid in a sewer". An emergency call got firemen there in minutes. Boots was rescued . . . DAVID BRIAN, the movie actor has a Persian cat named DEUCE that delights in exterminating gophers near his home. When they stick their heads out of their holes, the cat grabs them. But DEUCE has the feline habit of bringing his trophies into the house and laying them at BRIAN'S feet. Recently DEUCE pulled his trick during a dinner party given by the Brians (ADRIAN BOOTH) and the guests made a hasty retreat.

Marked catalogs of the shows held at St. Louis, New York (Atlantic), Long Beach, Chicago (Beresford), San Francisco (ACA), and by the Pacific Cat Fanciers (CFF), have not been received. Please send if show is to be rated for Sectional and All-America. You owe it to your exhibitors who supported your shows to send in these correctly marked catalogs . . . ROLLIN A. CABLE of Blawnox, Pa., popped in the office during the pre-Holiday season to report that DR. W. A. YOUNG of Chicago is no longer President of the American Cat Association, and that MRS. THOMAS B. ROBSON has moved up to the honor . . . At the first National Dog and Pet Exposition held at Grand Central Palace in December, EMPIRE CAT CLUB had a booth to stimulate interest in cats, build up gate for its show this month, and sell 1300 copies of CATS Magazine. Show was first of its kind held in N. Y. in more than 20 years.

A Rhode Island hen owned by MRS. R. D. WOMACK of Lake Cormorant, Mississippi, has "kidnapped" five kittens. The hen keeps the kittens in her nest and won't let the mother cat come near them . . . JOHN MALONE, New York City ACPA agent, sped to a Brooklyn pier recently where a cat was reported adrift on a raft. He spotted the raft floating under the pier. He scrambled down on it and crept up on the marooned animal. Too late, MALONE realized it wasn't a cat. The skunk fired and made a pungent hit! Unhappy, but unvanquished, he returned and lassoed the animal. No one knows how the skunk got on the raft . . . The California Cat Club is using the 1950 Cat Picture of the Year to publicize its show in Hollywood, this month, MRS. ADA MAY MILES reports. CICERO WILKERSON of Richmond, California was delighted with the purring sound as he started his automobile engine. A block later, the purr had changed to furious cries. Under the hood, dancing the hot engine block, CICERO found a cat and three kittens.

At the Humane Society offices at San Diego, Calif., PETE, a sandpiper, hospitalized with a broken wing, is recuperating on a diet of canned cat food . . . CATS Magazine wishes to extend its sincere thanks to those of its readers who so thoughtfully forwarded Christmas cards. It regrets the lateness of the December issue, which was held up, first, due to the record-breaking 30-inch snowfall, the worst in Pennsylvania's history which closed the offices of the publication for a week, and second, due to the wildcat railroad switchmen's strike which followed at rail terminals to vie with the heavy Christmas mail for a place on the trains . . . Because he beat a black and white kitten to death with a brick, PAUL BEAULIEU of Portland, Maine was sentenced to jail for 60 days, by MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE EDMUND P. MAHONEY. ELMER S. DOE said he heard a noise like woodchopping and found BEAULIEU, a woodsman, with the cat. BEAULIEU exclaimed he did it because the kitten was lame.

When a man kicked a cat out of a Fort Worth, Texas cafe, a student (name not given) drew a knife on the kicker, but was arrested before damage was done. The student told the officers, PATROLMEN W. T. EARY and A. D. CHILDRESS "That guy kicked the cat, and I'm going to do something about it." The student explained that he owned 35 cats before entering service in World War II. City detectives, questioning him after his stay in jail, found him unrepentant. "It still makes me mad to think about that guy kicking that cat."

MRS. WALTER G. LEE of Wollaston, Mass., has designed a combination pedigree blank with information on feeding and caring for new kittens and listing commercial products available for them. It is titled THE LEELAND WAY. Write her at 71 Winthrop Avenue . . . One of the better known cat food companies has been purchased by one of the large food chains which manufacturers a dog food among other products. Formal announcement of the sale will appear in this publication next month, quite possibly with other interesting news. Don't say we didn't tell you!

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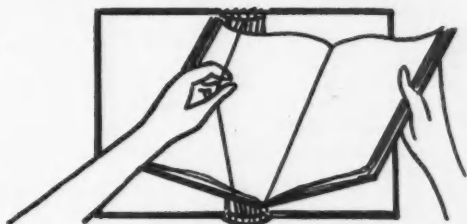
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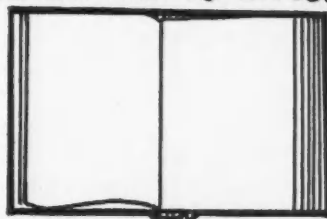
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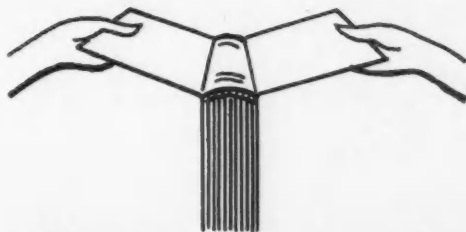
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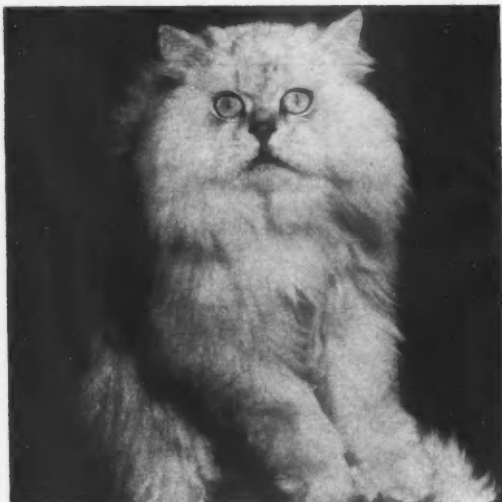
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